

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of playing ~~and wagering on~~ a game of ~~chance having events~~ chance, the method comprising: ~~comprising the steps of:~~
identifying at least one selected community event;
accepting wagers from ~~one or more~~ a plurality of players on the at least one selected community event;
generating at least one chance event during play ~~the playing~~ of the game of chance; and
rewarding the ~~one or more~~ plurality of players from a prize pool should the at least one selected community event occur during the at least one chance event, and the step of rewarding comprising making a reward amount for each of said players a function of a wager amount received from each said player.
~~includes basing the determination of the reward of each player on the proportion of the fraction of total wagers made by all the wagering players during that game of chance that the amount of the player's wager represented.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the selection of the community event occurs before or after said accepting. ~~the step of accepting wagers.~~

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~the step of~~ generating said at least one ~~once~~ chance event includes a step selected from the group consisting of: one of the following steps dealing cards, spinning a wheel or drawing numbered balls.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~with~~ further comprising the step of adding to the prize pool at least a portion of the accepted wagers.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 4 ~~wherein~~ further comprising the step of increasing adding value to the prize pool whenever the at least one selected community event does not occur.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 ~~with~~ further comprising the step of selecting the community event from games of chance including one of the group of games of chance consisting of: ~~of the following table games~~ Blackjack, Baccarat, Roulette, Pai Gow Poker, and Keno. ~~Keno, Caribbean Stud, Let It Ride, Acey Deucey.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim [8] 1 wherein the game of chance is Baccarat, and the at least one community event comprises ~~a type of tie or an~~ equal point count between the player's and banker's hand. ~~hands.~~

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the game of chance is Blackjack, and the at least one community event comprises a dealer's hand.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein more than one community event is selected, the more than one community event ~~includes~~ including at least one some which pays pay fixed odds to the wagering and winning each said player, and at least one other others which pays pay from the prize pool a reward for each said player which is proportional to each said player's wager amount divided by a total accepted wager amount from said plurality of players.
~~by proportioning the rewarding of each wagering and winning player according to the fraction of total wagers made by all the players during that game of chance that the respective player's wager represented.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method of wagering on a game of chance having events chance, the method comprising: ~~comprising the steps of:~~

identifying at least one selected community event;

accepting wagers from ~~one or more~~ a plurality of players on the at least one selected community event;

generating chance ~~events;~~ events during play of the game of chance; and

rewarding each of the ~~one or more~~ plurality of players that wagered on the occurrence of the at least one selected community event from a prize pool should the at least one selected community event occur during ~~the step of~~ said generating said chance events, and said rewarding comprising paying higher reward amounts in response to higher wager amounts.

~~basing the rewarding of each player on the amount that player's wager so the determination of the reward of each player is on the proportion of the fraction of total wagers made by all the wagering players during that game of chance that the amount of the player's wager represented.~~

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 13 with wherein said ~~the step of~~ generating said chance events includes the dealing of cards.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim 13 with wherein said ~~the step of~~ generating said chance events includes ~~spinning one or more wheels of chance.~~

Claim 16 (withdrawn): An apparatus for wagering from one or more players on a game of chance having events, the apparatus comprising:

a pay table ranking one or more preselected community events;

a wagering place to accept individual wagers from each of the one or more players on the occurrence of the at least one community event;

a random number generator for establishing chance events;

a prize pool connected to the wagering place, the prize pool to receive at least a portion of the accepted wagers, the prize pool from which to reward each of the one or more

players should the at least one community event occur so the reward is relative to the amount of that player's wager.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method of playing ~~and wagering on~~ a game of ~~chance having events~~ chance, the method comprising: ~~comprising the steps of:~~

identifying at least one selected community event;

accepting wagers from ~~one or more~~ a plurality of players on the at least one selected community event;

generating at least one chance event during the playing of the game of chance;

rewarding the ~~one or more~~ plurality of players from a prize pool should the at least one selected community event occur during the at least one chance event; and

splitting the prize pool among said plurality of players wagering all those that wager on the occurrence of the at least one selected community event during the step of said generating the at least one chance event, and said splitting comprising paying higher reward amounts in response to higher wager amounts.

~~basing the determining the reward of each player on the proportion of the fraction of total wagers made by all the wagering players during that game of chance that the amount of the player's wager represented.~~

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method of playing ~~and wagering on~~ a game of ~~chance having events~~ chance, the method comprising: ~~comprising the steps of:~~

identifying at least one selected community event;

accepting wagers from ~~one or more~~ a plurality of players on the at least one selected community event;

generating at least one chance event during the playing of the game of chance;

holding a secondary game of ~~chance~~ chance; and

distributing rewards from a prize pool to the ~~one or more~~ plurality of players that wagered should the at least one selected community event occur during the chance event, and the distributing including making an amount of each of said plurality of players' rewards proportional to the value of each player's wager amount divided by a total accepted wager amount on the at least one community event from said plurality of players.

~~basing the determining the reward of each player on the proportion of the fraction of total wagers made by all the wagering players during that game of chance that the amount of the player's wager represented.~~

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of claim 18 wherein ~~the one or more~~ each wagering player's chance of winning the secondary game of chance is proportional to the value of the fraction of each said player's wager amount over said total accepted wager amount on said at least one community event.
~~total wagers made by all the wagering players that the amount of that wagering player's wager represented.~~

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said making comprises:
paying higher reward amounts in response to higher wager amounts.

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 1 wherein said making comprises:
making each said player's reward amount proportional to each said player's
wager amount divided by a total accepted wager amount on the at least one community
event.